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SETTING UP OF WINE BOARD
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to support wine production units, wine parks to promote Indian wine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Wine Board in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the relative advantages and the methodology of bringing out land and Wine Parks;

(f) whether the proposal has been discussed with the State Governments; and

(g) if so, the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a), (b) & (e): Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ establishment/ modernization of food processing industries, this Ministry offers financial assistance for setting up of food processing units including wine making units. The assistance is released in the form of grant of 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% upto Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. Similarly, under the Scheme for Infrastructure development, assistance upto Rs. 4.00 crores for setting up of food park/wine park for provisions of infrastructure common facilities like cold storage, food testing laboratory, effluent treatment plant, common processing facilities, power, water supply etc., is admissible so that small and medium enterprises could set up their units easily.

(c), (d), (f) & (g): The Government is considering a proposal for setting up of a Grape and Wine Board. Prominent grape growing states like Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Maharashtra and Uttranchal have been consulted who have supported the proposal.